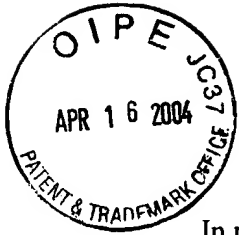


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gridley et al.

Art Unit: 1733

Application No. 09/492,602

Examiner: Fischer, Justin R.

Filed: January 27, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
RETREADING TIRES

PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), the undersigned attorney, on behalf of applicant(s), hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to and including April 20, 2003, to file a response to the Office Action of November 20, 2003, which carried an original response date of February 20, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$420.00 for the two-month extension fee is enclosed. Any additional fee which may be due or any other charges in connection with the submission of this response should be charged to Deposit Account No. 12-1216. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (along with any documents referred to as attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: April 12, 2004

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